

(Part IV.—General.—Section 42. *The Schedule.*—*Provisions to be deemed to be incorporated with, and to form part of, every license granted under Part II.*)

XIII of
1887.
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of 1895.
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1902.

42. (1) The Electricity Act, 1887, the Calcutta Electric Lighting Act, 1895, and the Howrah Bridge Electric Lighting Act, 1902, are hereby repealed :

Repeals and
savings.

Provided that nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be deemed to affect the terms of any license granted before the commencement of this Act under the Calcutta Electric Lighting Act, 1895, or any provisions of that Act or any rule made thereunder having reference to any such license.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect the terms of any other license which has been granted or of any agreement which has been made by or with the sanction of the Government for the supply or use of electricity before the commencement of this Act.

THE SCHEDULE.

PROVISIONS TO BE DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED
WITH, AND TO FORM PART OF, EVERY LICENSE
GRANTED UNDER PART II.

[See section 4, sub-section (1), clause (f).]

Security and accounts.

I. Where the licensee is not a local authority, the following provisions as to giving security shall apply, namely :—

Security for
execution of
works of
licensee not
being local
authority.

- (a) The licensee shall, within a period of six months after the commencement of the license and before exercising any of the powers by the license conferred on him in relation to the execution of works, show, to the satisfaction of the Local Government, that he is in a position fully and efficiently to discharge the duties and obligations imposed

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posed upon him by the license throughout the area of supply.

- (b) The licensee shall also, within six months after the commencement of the license or within such extended period as may be approved by the Local Government and before exercising any of the powers conferred on him in relation to the execution of works, deposit or secure, to the satisfaction of the Local Government, such sum (if any) as may be fixed by the license or, if not so fixed, by the Local Government.
- (c) The said sum deposited or secured by the licensee under the provisions of this clause shall be repaid or released to him in equal moieties, when and so soon as it may be certified by an officer appointed by the Local Government in this behalf that amounts equal to the sums so to be repaid or released have been expended by the licensee upon works executed for the purposes of the undertaking, or that distributing mains have been duly laid down by the licensee in every street or part of a street in which he is required to lay them down within a limited time, or shall be repaid or released at such earlier dates, and by such instalments, as may be approved by the Local Government.
- (d) Where the area of supply includes two or more local areas for which local authorities are constituted, the Local Government may require the deposit to be made or the security to be given in respect of such local areas severally, and in that case the deposit or security shall be repaid or released separately as to each local area.

II. Where

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II. Where the licensee is not a local authority, the following provisions as to the audit of accounts shall apply, namely:—

Audit of
accounts of
licensee not
being local
authority.

- (a) The annual statement of accounts of the undertaking shall, before being rendered to the Local Government under section 11 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1903, be examined and audited by such person as the Local Government may appoint in this behalf, and the remuneration of the auditor shall be such as the Local Government may direct, and his remuneration and all expenses incurred by him in or about the execution of his duties, to such an amount as the Local Government shall approve, shall be paid by the licensee on demand.
- (b) The licensee shall afford to the auditor, his clerks and assistants, access to all such books and documents relating to the undertaking as are necessary for the purposes of the audit, and shall, when required, furnish to him and them all vouchers and information requisite for that purpose, and afford to him and them all facilities for the proper execution of his and their duty.
- (c) The audit shall be made and conducted in such manner as the Local Government may direct.
- (d) Any report made by the auditor, or such portion thereof as the Local Government may direct, shall be appended to the annual statement of accounts of the licensee, and shall thenceforth form part thereof.

III. The licensee shall, unless the Local Government otherwise directs, at all times keep the accounts of the capital employed for the purposes of the undertaking

Separate
accounts.

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taking distinct from the accounts kept by him of any other undertaking or business.

Nature and mode of supply.

Systems of supply.

IV. Energy shall be supplied by the licensee only by means of some system approved in writing by the Local Government, and save as otherwise provided by rules under the Indian Electricity Act, 1903, the licensee shall not permit any part of any circuit to be connected with earth unless the connection is for the time being approved by the Local Government, with the concurrence of the telegraph-authority.

Provisions as to electric tramways.

V. Where and in so far as energy is supplied to a tramway for purposes of electric traction, the following provisions shall apply, namely:—

(a) The licensee shall employ either insulated metallic returns, or uninsulated metallic returns of low resistance, save in the case of vehicles in which the motive power is entirely self-contained.

(b) The licensee shall take all reasonable precautions in constructing, placing and maintaining his electric supply-lines and circuits, and other works of all descriptions, and also in working his undertaking, so as not injuriously to affect, by fusion or electrolytic action, any gas or water pipes, or other metallic pipes, structures or substances.

Compulsory works.

Power of Local Government to order licensee to lay down distributing mains.

VI. The licensee shall, within a period of two years after the commencement of his license, lay down suitable and sufficient distributing mains for the purposes of general supply throughout such streets or parts of streets as the Local Government may, by

order

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order in writing issued within six months of the commencement of the license, direct.

VII. Every licensee shall, not less than one month before commencing to lay in any street any electric supply-line for the supply of energy to any particular consumer, and not for the purposes of general supply, serve upon the local authority (if any) and upon the owner or occupier of all premises abutting on so much of the street as lies between the points of origin and termination of the electric supply-line so to be laid, a notice stating that the licensee intends to lay the electric supply-line, and intimating that, if within the said period any two or more of such owners or occupiers require in accordance with the provisions of the license that a supply shall be given to their premises, the necessary distributing main will be laid by the licensee at the same time as the electric supply-line intended for the particular consumer.

Provisions as to laying electric supply-lines under special agreement.

VIII. (1) Where, after the expiration of eighteen months from the commencement of the license, a requisition is made by six or more owners or occupiers of premises in or upon any street or part of a street within the area of supply or by the Local Government or a local authority charged with the public lighting thereof, requiring the licensee to provide and lay down distributing mains for the purposes of general supply throughout such street or part thereof, the licensee shall comply within six months with the requisition, unless,—

Provisions as to laying down of further distributing mains.

- (a) where it is made by such owners or occupiers as aforesaid, the owners or occupiers making it do not, within fourteen clear days after the service on them by the licensee of a notice in writing in this behalf, tender to the licensee a written contract, duly executed and with sufficient security, binding themselves to take, or guaranteeing

that

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that there shall be taken, a supply of energy for not less than three years to such amount as will in the aggregate produce annually, at the current rates charged by the licensee, a reasonable return to the licensee; or,

(b) where it is made by the Local Government or a local authority, the Local Government or local authority, as the case may be, does not, within the like period, tender a like agreement binding itself to take a supply of energy for not less than three years for the public lighting of such street or part thereof.

(2) Where any difference or dispute arises between the licensee and such owners, occupiers or local authority as to the sufficiency of the security offered under this clause, or as to the amount of energy to be taken or guaranteed as aforesaid, the matter shall be referred to the Local Government and either decided by it or, if the Local Government so directs, determined by arbitration.

(3) Every requisition under this clause shall be signed by the maker or makers thereof and shall be served on the licensee.

(4) Every requisition under this clause shall be in a form to be prescribed by rules under the Indian Electricity Act, 1903; and copies of the form shall be kept at the office of the licensee and supplied free of charge to any applicant.

Requisition
for supply to
owners or
occupiers in
vicinity.

IX. (1) Where a requisition is made by the owners or occupiers of any premises situate within one hundred yards from any distributing main in which the licensee is required to maintain a supply of energy for the purposes of general supply, requiring the licensee to supply energy for such premises, the licensee

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licensee shall supply, and, save in so far as he is prevented from doing so by cyclones, floods, storms or other occurrences beyond his control, continue to supply, energy in accordance with the requisition, unless the person making it fails, within fourteen days after the service on him by the licensee of a notice in writing in this behalf, to tender to the licensee a written contract, duly executed and with sufficient security, binding himself to take a supply of energy for not less than two years to such amount as will produce, at current rates charged by the licensee, a reasonable return to the licensee:

Provided, first, that the cost of so much of any electric supply-line as may be laid for the purposes of the supply upon the property in respect of which the requisition is made, and of so much of any electric supply-line as it may be necessary for the said purposes to lay for a greater distance than one hundred feet from the licensee's distributing main, although not on that property, shall, if the licensee so requires, be paid by the owner or occupier making the requisition:

Provided, secondly, that the licensee may, after he has furnished a supply of energy for any premises, by notice in writing require the owner or occupier within seven days after the date of the service of the notice, to give him security for the payment of all money which may become due to him in respect of the supply, in case the owner or occupier has not already given that security, or in case any security given has become invalid or is insufficient; and, if the owner or occupier fails to comply with the terms of the notice, the licensee may discontinue to supply energy for such premises so long as such failure continues:

Provided, thirdly, that, if the owner or occupier of any such premises as aforesaid adopts any form of

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lamp or burner, or uses the energy supplied to him by the licensee for any purposes, or deals with it in any manner, so as to interfere unduly or improperly with the efficient supply of energy to any other person by the licensee, or fails to keep his meter in proper order, the licensee may discontinue the supply of energy for such premises so long as such lamp or burner is so adopted, or the energy is so used or dealt with, or the meter is not kept in proper order, as the case may be :

Provided, fourthly, that the licensee shall not be bound to furnish a supply of energy to any premises if an Electric Inspector or other competent person appointed by the Local Government is satisfied that the electric line, fittings, works and apparatus therein are not in good order and condition, and are likely to affect injuriously the use of energy by the licensee, or by other persons :

Provided, fifthly, that in the event of any alterations of, or additions to, any electric wires, fittings, works or apparatus within such premises as aforesaid, all such alterations or additions shall be notified to the licensee by the owner or occupier before being connected to the source of supply, with a view to their being examined and tested : and

Provided, sixthly, that, in the event of any requisition being made for a supply of energy from any distributing main of which the licensee can prove, to the satisfaction of an officer appointed by the Local Government in this behalf,—

- (a) that it is already loaded up to its full current-carrying capacity. or
- (b) that, in case of a larger amount of current being transmitted by it, the loss of pressure will seriously affect the efficiency of the supply to other consumers in the vicinity,

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the licensee may refuse to accede to the requisition for such reasonable period, not exceeding six months, as such officer may think sufficient for the purpose of amending the distributing main or laying down a further distributing main.

(2) Where any difference or dispute arises as to the sufficiency of the security offered by such owner or occupier, or as to the improper use of energy, or as to any alleged defect in any wires, fittings, works or apparatus, or as to any alleged excess or defect in the pressure or quantity of the energy supplied, the matter shall be referred to the Local Government and either decided by it or, if the Local Government so directs, determined by arbitration.

(3) Every requisition under this clause shall be signed by the maker or makers thereof and shall be served on the licensee.

(4) Every requisition under this clause shall be in a form to be prescribed by rules under the Indian Electricity Act, 1903; and copies of the form shall be kept at the office of the licensee and supplied free of charge to any applicant.

X. (1) Where a requisition is made by the Local Government or by a local authority requiring the licensee to supply for a period of not less than one year energy for any public lamps within the distance of one hundred yards from any distributing main in which the licensee is required to maintain a supply of energy for the purposes of general supply, the licensee shall supply, and, save in so far as he is prevented from doing so by cyclones, floods, storms or other occurrences beyond his control, continue to supply, energy for such lamps in such quantities as the Local Government or the local authority, as the case may be, may require.

Supply for
public lamps.

(2) The provisions contained in the first, fourth,

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fifth and sixth provisos to sub-clause (1) and in sub-clause (2) of clause IX shall, so far as may be, apply to every case in which a requisition for the supply of energy is made under this clause as if the Local Government or local authority were an owner or occupier within the meaning of those provisions.

Charges.

Methods of
charging.

XI. In the absence of an agreement to the contrary, the licensee may charge for energy supplied by him to any consumer—

(a) by the actual amount of energy so supplied ;
or

(b) by the electrical quantity contained in the
supply ; or

(c) by such other method as may be approved by
the Local Government :

Provided, first, that, where the licensee charges by any method so approved by the Local Government, any consumer who objects to that method may, by not less than one month's notice in writing, require the licensee to charge him, at the licensee's option, either by the actual amount of energy supplied to him or by the electrical quantity contained in the supply, and thereafter the licensee shall not, except with the consent of the consumer, charge him by another method :

Provided, secondly, that, before commencing to supply energy through any distributing main for the purposes of general supply, the licensee shall give notice, by public advertisement, of the method by which he proposes to charge for energy so supplied ; and, where the licensee has given such notice, he shall not be entitled to change that method of charging without giving not less than one month's notice in writing of such change to the Local Government, to the local authority (if any) concerned, and to every

consumer

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consumer of energy who is supplied by him from such distributing main:

Provided, thirdly, that, if the consumer is provided with a duly certified meter for the purposes of ascertaining the value of the supply and the licensee changes the method of charging for the energy supplied by him from the distributing main, the licensee shall bear the expense of providing a new duly certified meter if such is necessary for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the supply according to the new method of charging.

XII. The price charged by the licensee for energy supplied by him shall not exceed the maximum fixed by his license, or, in the case of a method of charge approved by the Local Government, such maximum as the Local Government shall fix on approving the method : Maximum charges.

Provided that, if, at any time after the expiration of seven years from the commencement of the license, the Local Government considers or is satisfied that the maximum so fixed or approved as aforesaid should be altered, it may, after such inquiry (if any) as it thinks fit, make an order accordingly, which shall have effect from such date as may be mentioned therein :

Provided, also, that where an order in pursuance of the foregoing proviso has been made, no further order altering the maximum fixed thereby shall be made until the expiration of another period of seven years.

XIII. The price to be charged by the licensee and to be paid to him for energy supplied for the public lamps, and the mode in which those charges are to be ascertained, shall be settled by agreement between the licensee and the Local Government or the local authority, as the case may be, and, where any difference Charge for supply for public lamps.

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or dispute arises, the matter shall be determined by arbitration.

Testing and inspection.

Licensee to establish testing stations and keep instruments for testing.

XIV. The licensee shall, at any place within reasonable distance from any main, establish at his own cost and keep in proper condition such number of testing stations as the Local Government may direct for the purpose of testing the supply of energy in the main, and shall supply and keep in proper condition thereat, and on all premises from which he supplies energy, such instruments for testing as the Local Government may approve, and shall connect all such testing stations, by means of proper and sufficient electric supply-lines, with the distributing mains, and shall supply energy to each testing station for the purpose of testing.

Licensee to give facilities for testing.

XV. The licensee shall afford all facilities for inspection and testing of his generating, converting and testing stations and all other parts of his electric system and for the reading, testing and inspection of instruments.

Representation of licensee at testings.

XVI. The licensee may, on each occasion of the testing of any distributing main or electric supply-line or the testing or inspection of any instruments, be represented by an agent who may be present but shall not interfere with the testing or inspection.

Testing of mains.

XVII. On the occasion of the testing of any main of the licensee by an Electric Inspector, reasonable notice thereof shall be given to the licensee, and the testing shall be carried out at such suitable hours as, in the opinion of the Electric Inspector, will least interfere with the supply of energy by the licensee, and in such manner as the Electric Inspector may think fit; but, except under the provisions of an order made in each case in that behalf by the Local Government, the Electric Inspector shall not be entitled